

REMARKS

Claims 31-55 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 31-55 have been added by amendment.

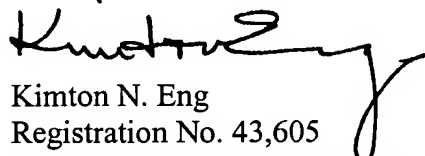
In the office action mailed August 24, 2004 (the "Office Action"), claim 1 was rejected based on the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,690,148 to Harrison (the "Harrison patent").

As previously mentioned, claim 1 has been cancelled by amendment, thus rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. Claims 31-55 have been added to claim alternative embodiments of the invention described in the specification. Support for the subject matter of claims 31-55 can be found in the specification, including the figures and originally filed claims. No new matter has been added by claims 31-55.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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